

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 12 through March 15, 2013

## Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate expects to begin consideration of H.R. 933, Continuing Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 13, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine sexual assaults in the military, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 13, business meeting to consider the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014, 2 p.m., SD-608.

March 14, Full Committee, business meeting to continue consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014, 9 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 12, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, 2:45 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 14, business meeting to consider S. 23, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 25, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, S. 26, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, S. 112, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 130, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, S. 157, to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, S. 222, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs, S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National

Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 244, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project, S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, S. 304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, S. 347, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 352, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 383, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 393, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and S. 459, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 13, to hold closed hearings to examine strategic counterterrorism, focusing on meeting current and emerging challenges, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 12, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine Job Corps budget shortfall, focusing on safeguarding workforce training for America's disconnected youth, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine keeping up with a changing economy, focusing on indexing the minimum wage, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine border security, focusing on measuring progress and addressing challenges, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 15, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine JPMorgan Chase whale trades, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 12, business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, and the nomination

of Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the "OPEN Government Act", 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, and the nominations of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* March 14, to hold hearings to examine helping small businesses weather economic challenges and natural disasters, focusing on a review of legislative proposals on access to capital and disaster recovery, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs (VA) claims process, focusing on a review of Veterans' Affairs transformation efforts, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 13, to hold hearings to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors, 2 p.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 13, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing on National Forest Management and its Impacts on Rural Economies and Communities, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 14, Full Committee, hearing on Examining Legislative Improvements to Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 12, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Securities Exchange Commission Oversight, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on Water Infrastructure Financing Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing USDA Food and Nutrition Service Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FEMA Hurricane Sandy Funding Oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing for

Public and Outside Witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 13, Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Oversight, 11 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Syria Oversight, 12 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

March 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Implementation, 2:45 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on related agencies, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing for Public and Outside Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., HC-5 Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy FY 2014 Budget Applied Energy Funding, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on the Department of Justice Oversight, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Supreme Court of the United States Oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, hearing on Management Issues at Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* March 13, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Impact of the Continuing Resolution, Sequestration, and Declining Operations and Maintenance Budgets on Military Personnel and Family Related Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled Information Technology and Cyber Operations: Modernization and Policy Issues to Support the Future Force, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Is Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Appropriate at this Time?", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, Full Committee, hearing on the posture of the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* March 13, Full Committee, markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* March 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Keeping College Within Reach: Examining Opportunities to Strengthen Federal Student Loan Programs", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining the Role of Lower-Skilled

Guest Worker Programs in Today's Economy", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "DOE Management and Oversight of Its Nuclear Weapons Complex: Lessons of the Y-12 Security Failure", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Obamacare's Impact on Jobs", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "The Chemical Facilities Anti-terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program: A Progress Update", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Oversight of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) and Emergency Communications", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Unaffordable: Impact of Obamacare on Americans' Health Insurance Premiums", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 13, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "Mortgage Insurance: Comparing Private Sector and Government-Subsidized Approaches", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Who is Too Big to Fail? GAO's Assessment of the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 13, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "The Rebalance to Asia: Why South Asia Matters" (Part II), 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "U.S. Energy Security: Enhancing Partnerships with Mexico and Canada", 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled "DHS Cybersecurity: Roles and Responsibilities to Protect the Nation's Critical Infrastructure", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 14, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "TSA's Efforts to Advance Risk-Based Security", 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 13, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled "Examination of Litigation Abuses", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, hearing entitled "Investigating and Prosecuting 21st Century Cyber Threats", 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2013", 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Abusive Patent Litigation: The Impact on American Innovation and Jobs, and Potential Solutions", 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled "The Separation of Nuclear Families under U.S. Immigration Law", 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 13, Full Committee, hearing on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "America's Onshore Energy Resources: Creating Jobs, Securing America, and Lowering Prices", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 14, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environment Regulation, hearing on H.R. 588, the "Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013"; H.R. 716, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; and H.R. 819, the "Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Addressing Transparency in the Federal Bureaucracy: Moving Toward A More Open Government", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Sequestration Oversight: Understanding the Administration's Decisions on Spending Cuts and Furloughs", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 12, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 890, the "Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Act of 2013", 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

March 13, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 803, the "Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act", 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 13, Subcommittee on Research, hearing entitled "STEM Education: Industry and Philanthropic Initiatives", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Federal Financial Support for Energy Technologies: Assessing Costs and Benefits", 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 14, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 756, the "Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2013"; and H.R. 967, the "Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Top Challenges For Science Agencies: Reports from the Inspectors General—Part 2", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 14, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled "Regulating the Regulators-Reducing Burdens on Small Business", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 13, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "FBI Headquarters Consolidation", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Implementing MAP-21: Progress Report from DOT Modal Administrators”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, March 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Meeting Patient Care Needs: Measuring the Value of VA Physician Staffing Standards”, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

March 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Gulf War: What Kind of Care are Veterans Receiving 20 Years Later?”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 14, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Lowering the Rate of Unemployment for the National Guard and Reserve: Are We Making Progress?”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Waiting for Care: Examining Patient Wait Times at VA”, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 13, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “U.S.—India Trade Relations:

Opportunities and Challenges”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 14, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Financing Challenges Facing the Social Security Disability Insurance Program”, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Medicare Payment Advisory Commission’s (MedPAC) annual March Report to the Congress”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

March 14, Full Committee, business meeting on Member Access request, 9:30 a.m., HVC-304. Portions of this meeting may close.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: March 14, to hold hearings to examine solving the Federal debt crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.